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## Darralyn S. Williams Chief, Contracting Division Middle East District



Darralyn S. Williams serves as the Chief of the Contracting Division for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Middle East District (MED), located in Winchester, Virginia.

MED is responsible for providing engineering, construction, and related reach-back services in the Middle East, Central Asia, and other areas as required. Its work includes designing and constructing facilities for use by U.S. forces, performing engineering activities for other U.S. government and foreign agencies, and providing operations and maintenance services for various customers. In addition, the District provides project management, engineering, contracting and support services to USACE districts in Iraq and Afghanistan. MED was renamed from the Transatlantic Programs Center (TAC) on Oct. 1, 2009, following the activation of the Transatlantic Division.

In this position, which she has held since February 2009, Ms. Williams oversees the award, administration and closeout of thousands of contract actions totaling billions of dollars. Ms. Williams leads the Contracting Division staff in providing mission-essential acquisition services for all District customers and working with Programs and Project Management, Construction-Operations, and Engineering Divisions. Approximately \$1.2 billion in current contracts awarded by the District provide critical infrastructure and facilities for USACE overseas programs.

Previously, she was chief of Contracting Division at the USACE Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi, from January 2008 until February 2009. For nearly a year before that assignment, she served as the Chief of Contracting for the USACE Vicksburg District until the position was filled on a permanent basis in January 2008. Before moving to Vicksburg, Ms. Williams served as the contracting officer for the Electronic Security Systems Program, USACE Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Alabama.

Ms. Williams served two tours to support USACE missions in Iraq from November 2004 until May 2006: Chief of Contracting, Gulf Region North District in Mosul and Deputy Director of Contracting, Gulf Region Division in Baghdad. In both positions, Ms. Williams oversaw the award, administration, and closeout of hundreds of contracts totaling billions of dollars. These contracts supported U.S. and coalition efforts to reconstruct critical infrastructure throughout Iraq and included essential utility services and healthcare, transportation, and education facilities.

Before her Iraq deployment, Ms. Williams worked as a contracting officer and contract specialist for Huntsville's Chemical Demilitarization Program, and she has worked in other USACE districts and divisions as well as other non-Army agencies.

Ms. Williams is a graduate of the University of Georgia and holds a master's degree in acquisition and contract management from the Florida Institute of Technology. She is also a Certified Professional Contracts Manager.

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